

A92/A96 Haudagain Improvement Project newsletter



Surfacing work on
new link road

Welcome



I'm pleased to welcome you to our seventh newsletter on the Haudagain project, providing updates and looking ahead to the works planned to see us

through to completion of the project.

As you may already be aware, it was announced in December that due to the impact of the

pandemic, supply chain issues and inclement weather, that the road will open to traffic by the end of March 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that whilst the revised date remains subject to no further disruption from adverse weather or impacts from COVID-19, my site team and I are working hard to finish this work as quickly and safely as possible.

As we head towards completion, Farrans Construction and Transport Scotland would once again like to thank the public for their patience and co-operation during this project.

Alan McKillop,
Project Manager,
Farrans Construction



Overview of new link road

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Progress update

Since our last newsletter, the team has continued to work on the construction of the new link road and completing the final phases of the programme on the A92 and A96 under traffic management.

While some of this work may have caused temporary disruption, it was essential to allow us to complete the project as quickly and safely as possible and again, we thank road users and the local community for their patience and co-operation.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The entire length of the new link road and bus turning area has now had permanent asphalt laid and is being prepared for the final surface course to be installed. We have continued to progress full carriageway reconstruction as well as work to tie-in the new carriageway to the A92/A96, with planting and landscaping work around the link road itself also ongoing.

The traffic signalling, signage and pedestrian barrier work across the site is progressing well and nearing completion. Reconstruction work on Manor Avenue is also being progressed, with kerbing in the area finished and the completion of surfacing works imminent.

Final work is being undertaken on the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) detention basin with the access track around the basin being completed and grasscrete - a concrete cellular material with grass seeding - currently being installed.

Other work is progressing well with approximately 90 percent of the kerbing complete and half of the new street lighting installed.



Realigned Manor Avenue



Formation of the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) basin

A92 NORTH ANDERSON DRIVE/MANOR AVENUE

Reconstruction on the southbound carriageway of the A92 North Anderson Drive is now complete, with work on the final footway and ancillary work currently being undertaken.

The traffic management, which has been in place on the central lanes of both the north and southbound carriageway since the start of this year, has allowed us to concentrate work in the central reserve. This work consists of granite sett installation, kerbing, signalling, signage and barrier works. The next phase of the programme is to complete the northbound and southbound footways, with normal bus routes being reinstated at the end of this stage.

At Manor Avenue, work is steadily moving forward. The kerbing work is progressing towards completion, therefore allowing surfacing to get underway. Work to reconstruct the footway area from Manor Avenue to North Anderson Drive will follow on from the surfacing work on the road.

A96 GREAT NORTHERN ROAD/MANOR DRIVE

Carriageway reconstruction is now complete on the A96 Great Northern Road, allowing the traffic management setup to be removed and providing relief for traffic on both the eastbound and westbound carriageways. Traffic signalling and signage works have been continuing in this area while the laying of granite setts has been completed.

We endeavour to be as sustainable as possible on the project and the granite setts used to form the new road in this area are part of the old road that we were able to reuse. We anticipate a small number of overnight closures will be required to complete the road marking and install signal loops for the final work. All efforts will be made to complete these as quickly and safely as possible and with minimum impact.

Looking ahead

We continue to make good progress towards delivering the project. Our focus will be:

- The completion of roadworks on the A92/A96
- The completion of traffic signal and signage installations throughout the project
- Installation of safe crossing points
- The recommencement of planting works in line with seasonal constraints
- Completion of the remainder of the footpath works throughout
- The completion of the reconstruction of Manor Avenue and associated footpath works
- The opening of the new link road to traffic.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Project continues to support Aberdeen Foyer

From the outset of the Haudagain project, we have been delighted to support Aberdeen Foyer, a charitable organisation which supports more than 1,600 local people a year towards independent living, learning and work, by aiding the valuable work they deliver in the north-east of Scotland.

Their work includes supporting those who are unemployed to learn new skills and move into work as well as engaging people through education and learning opportunities.

As well as offering work experience placements, we have also donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to enable people to start work without the need to purchase the necessary protective equipment required. We were really pleased to be able to gift a donation to assist Aberdeen Foyer further with the fantastic work they do. Team Leader Bronagh Cameron said: "Thank you for the very kind donation. This will be used in a variety of ways to help support our clients into employment."



Northfield Foodbank

The site team has continued to support the local Northfield Foodbank, recognising that it has been another challenging year for many households.

We would also like to share our thanks and appreciation to everyone at Aberdeen's Search Recruitment Consultancy who donated a bumper contribution to boost the boxes of food we had collected.



Farrans site team's contribution for the Northfield Foodbank

CLAN Cancer Support fundraising

Staff from the site joined in with the Light the North lighthouse trail that took place from August to October 2021.

The art sculpture trail involved 45 lighthouse sculptures placed throughout the north-east, Moray, Orkney and Shetland, to encourage people to discover their local communities, all while raising funds for CLAN Cancer Support. Staff looked out for lighthouses on the trail, chose their favourite and a winner was chosen by pulling a lighthouse name out of the draw. A cash donation was handed in to staff at CLAN's Aberdeen office.

Farrans connect

We made a donation of refurbished laptops, with the aim of contributing to communities and helping to create a circular economy where items are reused and recycled when finished with.

Having attended the Locality Planning group meetings, Farrans had offered to become a community connector to help increase the number of people in Aberdeen with digital access who feel comfortable using digital tools.

The two local groups to benefit from the donations were the Middlefield Community Project and Station House Media Unit (SHMU).

Ron Bird, from the Middlefield Community Hub, explained that the laptops would benefit their Connect Community group by allowing people to stay in touch with friends and family while providing an opportunity to become more IT competent.

Meanwhile, SHMU's Employability Manager, Michelle Trail, said that the laptops would allow them to further support young people into work and support home working for their volunteers.



Farrans Community Liaison Officer, Angela Newlands, delivering refurbished laptops to Ron Bird from the Middlefield Community Hub

EDUCATION

Quarryhill Primary School receives a visit from Safety Sam

Our Safety Sam representatives were pleased to speak at Quarryhill Primary School's assembly, via the online Google Classroom platform. Community Liaison Officer, Angela Newlands, showed the children a 'What's Behind the Fence' video. It featured the site's Health and Safety Advisor, Samantha Stirling, who gave the children an insight into what's behind the fence of a construction site, aimed at raising awareness of the dangers on a site. The children then participated in an interactive presentation, learning the motto of Safety Sam - 'Play Safe, Stay Safe'. The children also received some goodies.



The goodies the kids received from Safety Sam

Dyce Primary School – castle expeditions

We participated in Dyce Primary School's 'What's Inside the Castle Walls' expedition. This was run over several days, starting with an online event during the children's assembly where we delivered a Safety Sam presentation to highlight the importance of health and safety in construction.

We also made three outdoor visits at the school to teach the children about risk assessments whilst they built their castle. The children identified hazards and wrote down how to make them safe. We finished the sessions off with some fun, interactive play in which the children demonstrated the actions of various construction machinery. Their favourite (and ours) was to 'spin like a cement mixer'. We definitely had a few dizzy people that day!



Children at Dyce Primary School participating in the 'What's Inside the Castle Walls' expedition

Scottish Careers Week

We were pleased to participate in the first ever virtual Scottish Careers Week, which aimed to encourage young people to think about the skills needed for the world of work and to inspire them to make informed choices about their future. Angela Newlands participated in a session to discuss the many career opportunities offered by Farrans Construction and spoke about the role she plays in helping to deliver the project and the skills required to do her job.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We will continue to keep local residents and the travelling public up to date with the progress of construction and traffic management updates throughout the various stages.

We have a variety of ways of keeping you informed throughout the works; letter drops, door to door visits, press releases, alerts on social media, advance warning signs, the project website, and on our three information boards which are situated in the following locations:

- The Hub, Manor Avenue, Aberdeen AB16 7UR
- Outside Manor Park School, 2 Danestone Circle, Aberdeen AB16 7YB
- Mastrick Access Point, Spey Road, Aberdeen AB16 6SH

The project benefits from a dedicated Community Liaison officer. If you have any matters you wish to raise concerning the project, please contact Angela at:

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or telephone 0800 783 0024



FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

For further information on the project, please visit the project website: transport.gov.scot/projects/a92a96-haudagain-improvement/

Considerate Constructors



We are pleased to be registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (www.CCScheme.org.uk). Farrans is a committed scheme partner and we are proud of our achievements so far for both this project, and for our other work throughout the Scottish region and beyond.

